

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, as follows.

--More specifically, the present invention relates to one type of metalloproteinase expressed specifically in human tumour cells and having a DNA sequence encoding therefor; a plasmid having a nucleotide sequence which contains said DNA sequence; a host cell harbouring said plasmid; a method for manufacturing said protein using said host cell; a probe which hybridizes with the aforesaid DNA sequence; a method for detecting DNA or RNA containing the aforesaid sequence using said probe; and monoclonal ~~and polyclonal~~ antibodies which bind specifically to the aforesaid probe.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8, as follows.

-- As described hereafter, the present invention offers a novel metalloproteinase protein, DNA having a nucleotide sequence which encodes said protein, a plasmid having said DNA nucleotide sequence, a host cell harbouring said plasmid and monoclonal ~~and polyclonal~~ antibodies which specifically recognize the aforesaid metalloproteinase protein.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, as follows.

--Furthermore, the present invention offers monoclonal ~~and polyclonal~~ antibodies which bind peculiarly with the MT-MMP pertaining to the present invention.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16, as follows.

--The monoclonal ~~and polyclonal~~ antibodies pertaining to the present invention can be prepared by a well-known method such as the method of Milstein et al. (Nature, 256:495-497, 1975) using human MT-MMP as an antigen. In this method, the antigen may be native human MT-MMP, recombinant human MT-MMP, or a synthetic peptide having a partial amino acid sequence of either.--